

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical path switching device is provided whereby changeover of optical path can be achieved with higher speed than conventionally. In this optical path switching device, a plurality of despreaders and a plurality of spreaders are connected in a prescribed corresponding relationship, extraction of a desired code path signal from a code division multiplexing signal that is input from an input circuit is performed, by means of despreaders that are capable of code selection and/or setting to OFF, and the extracted code path signal is given a new code by a spreader and output to an output circuit.